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The following is a general summary of the subject's discussed at the October 10, 1957 meeting with DOCHEV in New York. Attached is the Bulgarian copy of DOCHEV's monthly report which was the basis for the discussion.

1. DOCHEV brought up the matter of our aiding Boris STOIKOV in obtaining a visa to visit the U. S. (to receive training, W/T). DOCHEV was informed that we could not make any arrangements to train STOIKOV as originally planned inasmuch as he is a resident of Canada. Also that in STOIKOV's place (on the list of standby teams submitted by DOCHEV) we would arrange to train Nikola PEEV (of Buffalo) at some future date. DOCHEV was told not to tell PEEV of our specific interest and plans for future training.

2. Regarding DOCHEV's previous proposal of a plan whereby we may be able to make contact with Sokol SELVELIEV (presently residing in Sofia, Bulgaria) DOCHEV said that he now had SELVELIEV's home and office address. (SELVELIEV drives a bus in and around Sofia). DOCHEV explained that his (DOCHEV's) wife writes any letters that DOCHEV sends to SELVELIEV. DOCHEV uses a return address within Canada other than his own. The letters are sent via a Mr. BUBUNOV (sp?) in Munich who was a high school friend of SELVELIEV's. DOCHEV corresponds only on a once-a-month or once every two months basis. SELVELIEV has informed DOCHEV that it is possible for the former to make an "excursion" up to Berlin, and then return to Bulgaria. DOCHEV is requesting that we furnish an address in Berlin where SELVELIEV may be received.

3. DOCHEV brought up the name of a Greek, Mr. NIKOLOPOLIS whom he claims visited Radi SLAVOV (a BNP member). DOCHEV was under the impression that this man had a "group" or "organization" of some kind involved in the same sort of activity that DOCHEV is doing for KUBARK. WOODRUFF explained that Mr. NIKOLOPOLIS is the "Chief of Police" in charge of refugees in Athens and thereby knows many refugees in this country as friends whom he assisted prior to their emigration from Greece.

DOCHEV also brought up the subject of Mr. MULLENS (of Lorton, Va.) once again. He is still curious as to why MULLENS has contacted several of "DOCHEV's men", BNP members, and invited them to come to Washington, D. C. [ ] explained to DOCHEV that Mr. MULLENS is simply interested in the welfare of Bulgarians and is willing to help them.

4. DOCHEV brought up the subject of the King's proposed visit to the U. S. and Canada. DOCHEV would like to recruit about ten well-known Americans who would be willing to act as an "honorary welcoming committee". At the moment he has in mind the following to begin with: Senator Javits of N. Y., Governor Williams of Michigan; a Mr. Earl, a previous Ambassador to Bulgaria many years ago. DOCHEV hopes the official exile government will be set up soon, at least prior to the King's visit. [ ] explained to DOCHEV once again that it is very unlikely that the King will visit the U. S. and Canada in the very near future, although possibly sometime next year.

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5. DOCHEV brought up the subject of training (W/T, weapons, etc.) for those people he has placed in the list of standby teams. It was explained that for the timebeing it is not possible to offer any training (except perhaps for some W/T training to a few individuals at later dates). It was suggested that DOCHEV explain to the appropriate people the necessity for their maintaining top physical condition. In the event that they should suddenly return to Bulgaria it would be necessary for them to be in good shape to withstand long marches, living in the open, etc.

6. The subject of our intervening with the appropriate authorities on behalf of Tolo ZLATKOV and Tsonyu GRADINAROV in their efforts to come to N. Y. for the BNF convention next year was again brought up by DOCHEV. The latter was informed that we are looking into the matter. (NOTE: DOCHEV would like these two to be able to attend the 2nd annual BNF convention, but inasmuch as they are not yet Canadian citizens they are having administrative difficulties in obtaining visitors' visas.

7. The subject of Dr. DIMITROV and his activities was discussed lightly. DOCHEV was told that although he has reasons to believe DIMITROV to be a communist, it is necessary to have concrete proof before anything can be done in an attempt to negate DIMITROV's effectiveness among Bulgarian refugees.

NOTE: Some time was devoted to a background discussion by DOCHEV as to his role in the BNF, past and present, his association with Mr. STATEV, President of the BNF; views on the possible establishment of an official exile government this month by STATEV and the King, and DOCHEV's future role in both the BNF and the official exile govt. if established. This discussion was for the benefit of STOBLE who attended the meeting.